



Executive MBA Available for Norfolk & San Diego Areas via **Distance Learning**

Four Executive Masters of Business Administration (EMBA) cohort degree programs will be available for mid- to senior-grade active-duty unrestricted line (URL) officers in the Norfolk and San Diego fleet concentration areas in 2005.

Instruction for two cohorts (25 students in each that function as a learning team) will begin the week of March 28, 2005, and the other two cohorts Sept. 26, 2005.

The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) defense-focused EMBA is a 24-month, Navy-funded, parttime graduate program that includes a financial management and acquisition concentration. This program is targeted at mid- to senior-grade active-duty URL officers (O4-O5) that are unable to attend NPS residential postgraduate programs. Non-URL officers (O-4 and O-5) and civilians in grades GS-13 and GS-14 will also be considered for the program on a space available basis.

The program begins with a one-week temporary additional duty (TAD) orientation at the NPS campus in Monterey, Calif. Funding for TAD travel must be provided by the student's parent command and cannot be the responsibility of the individual. March cohorts' orientation is March 21-25, and September cohorts Sept. 19-23.

Students will meet in VTC-capable classrooms once a week during normal duty hours for six to seven hours of instruction. Norfolk and satellite locations in the fleet concentration area (FCA) will hold VTC classes on Tuesdays beginning March 29. San Diego locations will begin training on Thursdays starting March 31.

Eligibility requirements include having an undergraduate degree from an accredited fouryear college or university, a 2.6 (or higher) grade point average, department head or midlevel management experience, a strong potential for promotion and full command support. Officers selected for the program must be able to complete the full 24-month program at their FCA site. Officers who already have a graduate degree funded through any DOD assistance or veteran's educational benefit program are not eligible.

Application deadline is Jan. 28, 2005, for the March cohorts and July 15, 2005, for the September cohorts. Applications must be submitted in the format listed in NAVADMIN 268/04 and sent, along with a copy of undergraduate transcripts, via the candidate's activity commanding officer to the Naval Postgraduate School, EMBA Director, Code GB/FL.

Applicants are encouraged to visit the NPS Web site and complete an online interest form at their earliest convenience.

For additional information on the program or the Naval Postgraduate School, visit the school's Web site at www.nps.navy.mil. For related news, visit the Naval Education and Training Command Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/cnet.